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1. Austrian Treaty deadlock continues--US Embassy London reports that at the last meeting on the Austrian Treaty the Soviet delegate continued his attempts to inject the Trieste issue into the negotiations. The Soviet deputy insisted that no date could be set for the next meeting until the Western Powers had answered the 20 April Soviet note which accused the Western Powers of violating the Italian Peace Treaty provisions on Trieste. The Western delegates replied that they would be in London on 10 July ready to resume negotiations.

(CIA Comment: By injecting the Trieste issue into the Austrian Treaty talks, the USSR has again demonstrated that it is under no compulsion at this time to reach agreement with the West either on individual issues or on an overall settlement. In addition to using the Trieste issue as an excuse for further stalling on the Austrian Treaty, the USSR probably hopes by this means to embarrass the West in its relations with Italy and Yugoslavia and to demonstrate that the West does not carry out its international obligations.)

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